

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 12 (lines 11-19), of the specification as follows:

In the front region of the advancement elements 6, immediately upstream of the disk-type chipper 7, a stationary bridge-bar 8 is provided, as a bearing surface for the group 2 which is to be chipped, at a distance of approximately 0.3 mm upstream of the rotating knives (not illustrated specifically in the drawing) of the disk-type chipper 7. In the vertical direction, a pressure-exerting bar 10 presses the groups 2 together from above. In addition, referring to Figs. 3 and 4, horizontally movable bars 9 are provided immediately upstream of the chipping tool 7, on both sides of the feed means, which can be driven horizontally, transversely to the feed means, and are intended for acting on the leading group 2 with a horizontal force. It is advantageous if the corresponding contact pressure can be pre-selected. Overall, the arrangement has the advantage that any relatively small splinters which may break off cannot pass between the gap (not numbered) between the cutting edge of the chipping tool and a stump cutter. Instead, these relatively small splinters are fibrillated to form fines, which can be sifted out in a known manner.